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#### (54) Virtually centralized uplink scheduling

(57) A user equipment (UE) comprising: a data buffer; means for transmitting to a base station information concerning an amount of data to be transmitted; means for receiving from a base station (BS) a relative indicator, the relative indicator indicating how full the data buffer

is; and means for scheduling uplink transmissions to the base station in dependence on the relative indicator by varying the rate of uplink transmission using adjustment of the modulation and coding scheme.

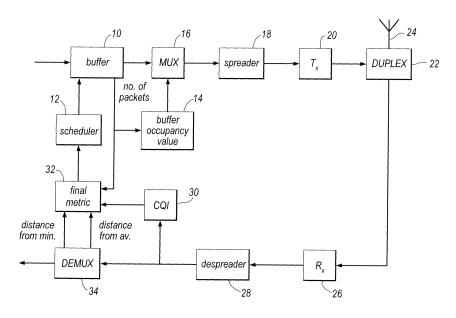


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